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Defender's Song, "Faith of Our Fathers"

Defender's Motto, "Back To The Bible"

The Translation of the Church

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod

"Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Corinthians 15:51-53.

SONG OF SOLOMON

In studying the Biology of the Church we found that the Church is an organism, and that every genuine member of the Church is a partaker of the life of Christ. When we come to deal with the translation of the Church, we find that this wonderful institution is described as the Bride of Christ. What a beautiful figure of speech to describe the relation of Christ to His Church as being that of the Bridegroom to the Bride.

The Bridegroom and the Bride are one. The Bride finds supreme delight in appearing beautiful before the Bridegroom. It was this to which Paul referred when he said: "That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

The affection of the Bride is centered upon the Bridegroom. The Bride delights to follow where the Bridegroom may lead. In return, the Bridegroom delights to protect and provide for his Bride.

Think of the sweetest, purest, happiest, most romantic and most blissful marriage relationship that you can contemplate and you have not begun to visualize the sweetness and the loving intimacy that exists between Christ and His true Church.

The Bible contains many beautiful pictures of the Church showing it as the Bride of Christ. Outstanding among these pictures is the book in the Old Testament called, The Song of Solomon. Here is one of the most remarkable pieces of literature in the English language. The unspiritual

effect to find an impure atmosphere surrounding these pages. On the other hand, spiritually minded folk find in it an exquisite delight. Solomon's bride is pictured here in restful communion with her bridegroom. There is unspeakable joy in their companionship. This is one of the sweetest love affairs in the English language; and it is all a type of the relationship of Christ with His Church.

THE WISE KING

Solomon was a remarkable character. He was the son of David. His wisdom was astounding. He was the third king of Israel. Other kings fought bloody wars, but Solomon brought peace and prosperity to Israel.

He was brought up as a boy by Nathan, the grand old prophet, who in years gone had the courage to expose and rebuke David for his great sin. Nathan said to him, "Thou art the man." David trembled before the fearless prophet, and answered, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Soon after Solomon ascended to the throne of Israel God spoke to him in a vision and offered to bestow some great gift upon him. Solomon made a wise choice and asked for wisdom. His request was granted and to wisdom there were added riches and honor.

No earthly potentate ever ruled in greater magnificence than Solomon. Today we look back upon his reign as being the most wonderful and successful that the world has ever known. His day was the golden age of the Jews.

He built a magnificent temple in which to worship God in Jerusalem. The wood and stone used in the temple had to be imported from Lebanon. More than one hundred and fifty thousand men were employed in the task, while thirty thousand other men of Israel were engaged to work on the temple, in addition to the three thousand six hundred overseers. Solomon had more

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The Nature Lover's Song

Dr. Adolph Phillip Gouthey

Give me the deep solemn woods
Where never a sound is heard,
Save the rustle of a falling leaf
Or the twitter of a bird.

My Palace built by God's own hand
Pillared and roofed with green,
Bedecked with blossoms rare and fresh
And hung with woodbine screen.

My music is the minstrel wind
That harps on sturdy pines,
And stirs the heart to deepest depths
Like distant tower chimes.

My cathedral is the mountain high
I worship at its shrine,
For altar fire the sunset's flame
That burns like light divine.

Here the Infinite seems most real
I FEEL His presence near,
And when the daylight slowly dies
My heart can know no fear.

And when life's sunset fills my day
I'd be laid here beneath the pines
With shadows soft and deep,
Where stars their vigil keep.



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THIS DEFENDER is being delivered a few days late due to the heavy duties resting upon the Editor, who has charge of Paul Rader's work in Chicago in addition to his own activities.

IN ONE WEEK, letters were received from more than twenty states from persons who heard Mr. Winrod over radio station W. J. B. T., in Chicago. This powerful station is situated at the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle.

DEFENDERS everywhere will be interested to know that a given period is being designated every Sunday over W. J. B. T., for The Defenders of the Christian Faith. There is no way of knowing how many thousands of homes are being reached with the Defenders' testimony by this method.

CONTRIBUTORS to the 1929 Defender Missionary Fund were delighted a few weeks ago to receive an announcement printed in both English and Chinese, and mailed from China, telling of the Defenders' convention which was put on in Shanghai, August 29 to September 4. The speakers were Paul Rader, Leland Wang, R. A. Jaffray and Alfred Chow. It was a great meeting.

SHOULD THE DEFENDER be published twice a month at the price of \$1.00 per year, instead of once a month at 50 cents per year? This is the question in which many readers have expressed great interest during the last few months. Many letters have been received regarding this matter. Some fear that the present standard of quality might not be maintained if the change is made. Let all worry be dispelled in this regard. The Defender will never publish a rehash of worn-out material.

A CAREFUL SURVEY shows that more than 35 per cent of Soviet school children have no belief in God. The Russian Soviet is spreading the teaching of atheism in her schools, in a manner to enable children to instruct their parents accordingly.

MR. RADER has written a very wonderful book while on his present tour to China entitled, "A Chinese Lantern." The book contains a fresh, new, tender message from China. It is exquisitely bound in a rich novelty Chinese silk cover and comes in a paper box. This souvenir book was printed in China. Price \$1.00. It may be ordered from The Defender Publishers, Wichita, Kansas.

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THE BRITISH AIR MINISTRY proposes to chart the skies and its air currents with the same accuracy as the globe has been mapped for seamen. Lord Thompson, air minister for Great Britain, said: "I am convinced that in the years to come airplanes, properly guided by meteorological stations, will be able to save an immense amount of fuel and seek out favoring winds, following routes hitherto undreamed of in flying round the world. This applies specially to the navigation of airships. The astounding performance of Commander Eckener is only a mild beginning of what will be accomplished by airships in the future. These ships will be in continual touch with meteorological stations and will find their way through storm areas in exactly the same way as the mariner now steers his way through reefs and shoals." Perhaps never in the history of life has the imagination of man been more thrilled than now in contemplation of the almost boundless possibilities wrapped up in dirigibles and radio.

There was an old fisher named Fischer
Who fished from the edge of a fissure
"Til a fish with a grin
Pulled the fisherman in.
Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher.
—Boston Transcript.

"GIDEONS," the organization of Christian traveling men which distributes Bibles in hotels, charges that atheists are destroying Bibles placed by their efforts.

AN ARTIST claims to be able to print pictures that can be washed. Indeed, many need washing.

"What has come over Mussolini?" asks the Washington Post. "Whatever it is, nothing has overcome him," answers the Toledo Blade.

MR. WINROD has a new book on the press. It represents one of his greatest efforts at writing. A comprehensive announcement of its contents will be made later.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S NOTED HEAD COACH, "Hurry-Up" Yost, has definitely declared himself in favor of the clean-living and clean-thinking athletic youth as against the former ideal of the

"hard-boiled" tough. He once said, "I have four All-American stars helping me at Michigan. Among these four assistants there isn't one who has ever taken a drink, ever smoked, ever used profanity or told a dirty story. Are they effeminate? Well, the four of them can take thirty of the other type and break them into a number of pieces without straining a muscle. They are men of the highest order and their influence will carry far beyond the athletic field."

CARRY NATION, the Kansas reformer of the early days, once called herself, "a bulldog running along at the feet of Jesus, barking at what He doesn't like." A book telling the story of her life, entitled, "Christ's Bulldog," is attracting considerable attention at the present time.

A REPORT says that school teachers in the State of Arkansas are boot-legging Evolution into the schools. The beast theory was voted out of Arkansas' tax-supported schools at the last election. "In lecturing to my students in biology and zoology," a teacher in one of the higher institutions of Arkansas said: "I inform them that on November 6, 1928, the people of this state decided that there were three divisions of organic life—man, animals and plants. The law does not care what we teach about animals or plants. As to man, I tell my students plainly that it is illegal to apply to the human race the same method of study and the same drawing of conclusions that we apply to the lower orders of life. Rather than dampening their ardor for acquiring knowledge, this seems to create a spirit of investigation that gets results."

DR. AUSTIN H. CLARK, of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., continues to explode the "pet" theories of Evolution. He is such a highly trained scientist that scholars everywhere are paying careful attention to his published statements. Writing on "Gaps" recently he said: "It is obvious that the gap between cats and dogs and their immediate relatives is quite broad, and it remains broad throughout the fossil record. Cats never become dogs; but both are carnivorous mammals.

"Between the backbone animals and the invertebrates, such as the insects, the gaps are very broad, and those peculiar types which are intermediate between them are widely different from either.

"Between the invertebrate groups, as insects, shells, starfishes, and so forth, the gaps are still broader. These gaps go back unchanged to the earliest fossils that we know. So that so far as these creatures are concerned we have no justification in assuming a time element in the evolutionary process."

LOUIS MARSHALL, the noted New York Jewish leader in the Zionist Movement, passed away recently in Zurich, Switzerland.

The Gulf Stream of Humanity

I like to think of the Jewish race as being the gulf stream of humanity. The gulf stream is the best known current in the ocean. It is a riddle to science. It flows from the Gulf of Mexico across the Atlantic Ocean and is usually from fifty to three hundred miles wide. Its velocity is about four miles per hour.

The gulf stream skirts Spain and mingles with the icy waters of Norway. It is always warm even when it flows through cold waters. It gives the Bermudas a semi-tropical climate. This mysterious stream of water retains its personality (if water has a personality) as it ploughs through the waves across the Atlantic Ocean.

This reminds me of the Jews. They have been persecuted, cursed, accused and butchered, but they have retained their personality and have kept right on ploughing through the centuries. Nineteen centuries have fled and the legend of the Wandering Jew has been acted out dramatically in the life of this unique people.

Jehovah made many wonderful promises to father Abraham. He said, "I will make thee a great nation." This promise has been fulfilled in Abraham's posterity. From his son Ishmael descended the Arabian world. From his son Isaac came the Israelites.

Another promise made to Abraham is stated in these words: "I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee." Every nation that has blessed the Jew has been blessed of God. Every nation that has persecuted the Jew has been cursed of God. No nation has ever persecuted the Jew more than Russia and no nation has ever been visited more obviously by the wrath of God than Russia.

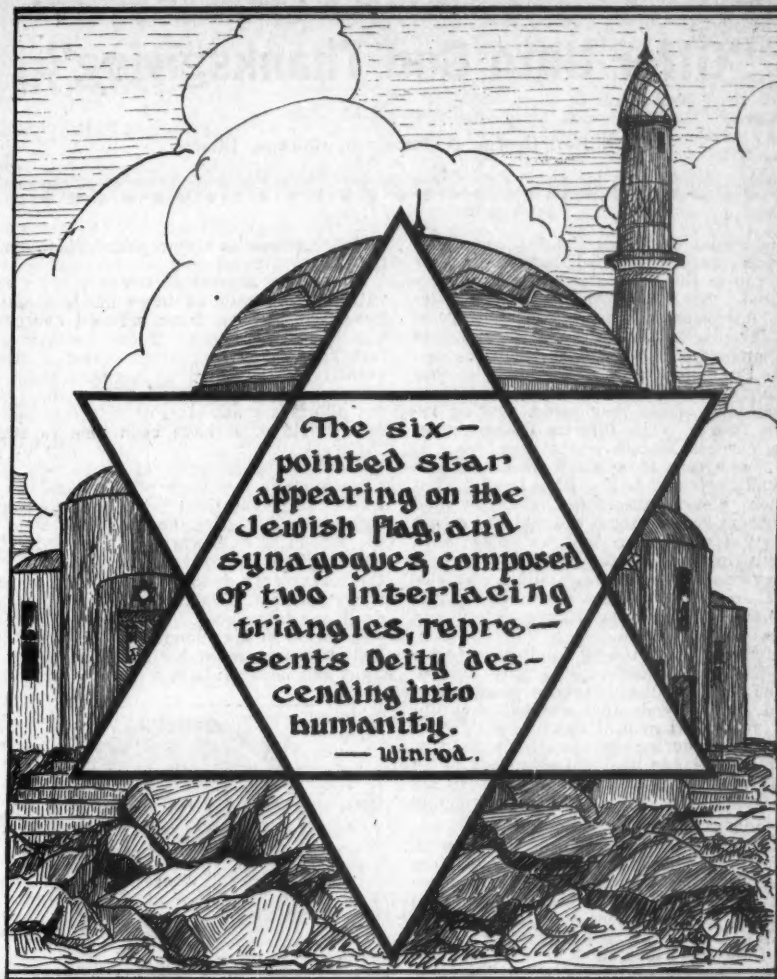
God promised Abraham that, "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." This promise refers to the fact that the Messiah on His human side would be a descendant of Abraham. In Bethlehem's manger we witnessed the fulfillment of this promise when a physical body was provided by a descendant of Abraham for the incarnation of the Eternal Son.

The coming of Deity into humanity is symbolized by the six-pointed star formed from the interlacing of two equilateral triangles. The lower triangle represents fallen humanity and the upper triangle represents Deity blending into humanity. The six-pointed star will be seen on the Jewish flag today. It was placed on the ark of the covenant. It was used as Solomon's seal. It was stamped on the shield of David. It may be seen on any finished Jewish synagogue in the world today. It is believed by some that it was a luminous six pointed star that hung over Bethlehem's manger.

There are four Hebrew words used in describing Jewish women. There is a word which means a mature married woman. There is another word that means a mature woman who has been married, but is now a widow. There is another word which means a woman that is eligible for marriage, but has not been married. There is a fourth word spelled "almaw," which means a pure young girl, a virgin usually between the ages of 13 and 18. In each instance where Mary, the mother of Jesus, is referred to, "almaw" is the original translation. The promise was that an "almaw" descendant of Abraham, would give birth to a baby by divine generation, without an earthly father, which would bruise the serpent's head.

At Bethlehem, Deity descended into humanity, when a baby, fashioned in Jewish garb, was prepared for the Eternal Son.

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CRAWFORDSVILLE AND STERLING

"Back to the Bible"; this is the slogan of The Defenders of the Christian Faith. "Faith of our Fathers," this is the official hymn of the organization. "Earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"; this is the testimony of the movement.

When the movement was first organized almost five years ago in Kansas, it started out by sponsoring great meetings over the state. Later it overflowed Kansas into neighboring states of the Middlewest. The methods used in the middle states were so successful that the same plan of promoting the testimony is being used now all over the United States. Early this year a nation-wide convention program was launched by radio, public meetings and the printed page. The work has been going with ever increasing momentum. The purpose of this ministry is to carry on a sane, scholarly and deeply spiritual defense and promulgation of historic and evangelical Christianity, adapted particularly in message and method, to the present apostasy and spiritual declension.

A return visit to the state of Indiana has been arranged for November 24th to December 1st. In February a great convention was held in Indianapolis, but the present meeting will be held in Crawfordville, a splendid and progressive little city. The pastors of the principal churches of Crawfordville are sponsoring the gathering and the meetings will be held in the First Baptist Church. As this Defender goes to press, the program has not been definitely made up, but it is known that the following men will appear on the program: A. F. Gouthey, Gerald B. Winrod, C. L. Eicher, George D. Blomgren, and Ralph Rader (Paul's brother).

The same speakers will conduct the Fifth Annual Convention of The Defenders in Sterling, Kansas, December 1st to 8th. Sterling has been dubbed, "The Athens of the Middlewest." It is one of the finest little cities in Kansas. The day meetings of the Convention will be held in the First United Presbyterian Church of Sterling, and the night meetings will be held in the Sterling College Chapel, an Auditorium, seating seventeen hundred persons. Sterling College is famous for its fidelity to the truth and loyalty to the Word of God. Its student body numbers about six hundred.

The announcement of these two campaigns is being published with the earnest request that Defenders everywhere will get back of the meetings in prayer immediately. All battles for Christ are fought first in the heavenlies. Prayer is our mightiest weapon.

Many pastors and laymen have written requesting that conventions be put on in their cities. Pastors that will get back of such meetings can thereby contribute greatly to the righteous forces of their cities. Such correspondence should be addressed to Rev. George D. Blomgren, Field Secretary, in care of The Defender, Wichita, Kans.

"Offer Unto God Thanksgiving"

Psalms 50:14

By, Rev. George D. Blomgren, Chicago, Illinois

This Psalm expresses the feeling of the Pilgrims when they had harvested their first crop in this new, strange and wonderful land. So also down through the decades our country has, once every year, with few exceptions, gathered in churches and homes to hold Thanksgiving services.

The Pilgrims were thankful for the way God had watched over them and led them to this land where they came, seeking religious liberty. The Pilgrim Fathers were pious, earnest, sincere and devout men. It is a shame that their piety should be sarcastically referred to as "Blue Laws." But if their piety, earnestness, sincerity and devoutness enabled them to build and create this great civilization that we enjoy, then God give us more of the "blues."

They erected three great pillars of civilization—schools, churches and homes—and on these still rest the future safety and success of our nation.

Only recently I toured lands less fortunate than ours. Indeed, we were amazed to find the appalling darkness which prevailed in the lands that cradled our religion, such as Egypt, Palestine, and other countries bordering on the Mediterranean. While these lands had the advantage of an earlier start by hundreds of years, they are in a misty fog religiously, educationally and domestically.

Educational depravity could be seen in the very first city we visited, Algiers, on the African coast, a town of 38,000 population, where the native Arab children never get to see the inside of a school until they are in the teen age—unless they are of the wealthier class.

At a rug factory little girls from the age of six to eight could be seen weaving for the unthinkable salary of five and ten cents a day. What a difference compared with our children sitting in our beautiful school rooms!

The Mohammedan University of Cairo is unique, being the only public school in the whole city. Its building was erected nine hundred years ago by the Sultan Hassan Ali. An American boy would sneer at it, for it is only a colonnade built around an open court, in each corner of which are boxes where the boy may keep his books, dinner and bed, for many live right there, stretching out to sleep on a piece of matting and pulled an old cloak or coat over them, if they have it. School begins at seven o'clock when the Professor comes to hear the lessons until nine, then the pupils study until four, when lessons are heard until six o'clock. Each Professor has a chair, but the pupils are seated on the floor. There are thirteen thousand students, most of them studying audibly at the same time; it sounded bad enough when they were only studying; I wondered how it sounded during the recitation periods. It takes up to sixteen years to finish the course of this University.

Religious darkness was even more noticeable, though one would expect it to be even brighter there because these cities are so near to Jerusalem.

In these countries one could see the footprints of Mohammed. In Cairo, Egypt, we could see above the huts at intervals, piercing the skyline, the Mohammedan minarets where five times a day the priest comes forth like the bird in the cuckoo clock to cry, "Allah! Allah! There is but one God

and Mohammed is his prophet." Then comes the call to prayer.

Indeed the Mosque of Omar in old Cairo with its colonnade of three hundred sixty-five pillars, stolen from pillaged churches, was very interesting. There are two pillars by which Omar used to test a man's veracity; if he could go between them he was adjudged honest; if not, a liar. As the pillars are not more than a foot apart, few people must have been able to stand the test.

Visiting the Museum of Cairo one gets a good bird's eye view of the darkness in which the people lived in the twentieth and eighteenth dynasties, or about the time of the Israelites in history, by inspecting the modern finds of Egyptian antiquities. In the seventeenth dynasty the idea of putting spirit pictures in coffins to minister to the dead was introduced. One high official who was afraid of his enemies in the future life had little images of his body-guard and of light and heavy infantry put into his coffin



and these are in the Museum. So in later days there came to be hundreds of these little "Answeri" put in coffins who were to say to the master's spirit when it called, "Here am I." These were often sent to the funeral by friends in the place of flowers. It is interesting to compare the superstition of these lands with our religious advantages in this more favored land.

Yes, there is also a religious darkness resting over the beloved city of Jerusalem. Possibly the best illustration to that effect will be that of the "Church of the Holy Sepulchre." As a building this was a great disappointment to me, most of the grandeur that we read about is pretty badly tarnished, the interior is squat and broken up with none of the lofty domes and beautiful mosaics of the mosques. It is really ridiculous to be taken around an area of one hundred fifty square feet and shown the places where Christ was tried, judged, went to Golgotha, executed, laid out, buried and resurrected, and just to give you good measure they can also show you the tomb of Adam. The church is divided for the sake of peace between the Greeks, Latins and Armenians. The Greeks possess the greater part. But through all this, the astounding paradox existed until recent years, that a Turkish soldier must attend while tourists visited this church, for our so-called Christian brother—Greek, Roman or Armenian,—possibly would otherwise have done the tourists bodily harm.

One would hardly call their homes "home." Poverty, filth and lack of comforts are everywhere prevalent. The Bedouin can be seen here and there, living in tents and caves when during the rainy season their suffering becomes intense. Sheep, chickens and dogs would frequently be found under the same family roof. If wealth is ever attained, it is in most cases by dishonest methods.

How radiant our own land seemed to us on our return. How thankful we should be, not alone on this great Thanksgiving Day, but at all times for the great achievements accomplished in our land through its wonderful educational system.

For the religious light that we possess let us not forget to be thankful. Church bells peal forth from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon. Inspiring Gospel messages are heralded from our pulpits. The singing of the old-fashioned hymns, and fervent prayers ascending to the Throne are incentives to holy living.

Shall we say that we should be thankful for our homes? The homes from whence have come our great religious leaders, such as Charles Finney, Jonathan Edwards, D. L. Moody, who in their days shook this country for God.

Let us thank God for homes capable of producing great political leaders like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, William Jennings Bryan and our great Herbert Hoover. For these let us be thankful.

Let us preserve our old-fashioned home ideals. The brief reading of the Book of God, the bent knee, the giving of thanks, the offering of petitions, the table blessing, are still practiced in many homes of this blessed land—these things build great homes and great homes build great nations.

Let us look back, with thanks, this Thanksgiving Season, 1929, to the heroic endeavor of Godly men and women who braved the seas to find new shores on which to build great schools, great churches and great homes. And, in giving thanks, let us face the future with this firm resolve that these noble things shall be preserved.

THE GULF STREAM OF HUMANITY (Continued from page 3.)

Isaiah 7:14, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

When Jesus was born, Mary, the promised "almaw," wrapped Him in swaddling clothes. The root word from which the English word "swaddling" comes, means to wrap in bandages. It is used figuratively in Job 38:9, which refers to the thick darkness, a swaddling band. In other words, when Jesus was born, Mary wrapped Him in the thick darkness of grave clothes. She knew that He was born to die.

This was what astounded the shepherds when they came to see the new born Babe. Mary literally prepared Jesus for burial the day He was born. He was wrapped in the same kind of clothes the day He was born that He wore when His body was placed in Joseph's tomb. Jesus came to die that you might live.

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A STUDY IN SAP

By, Rev. Keith L. Brooks, Editor, "Bible Lover's Digest"

"The trees of the Lord are full of sap."
(Psalm 104:16.)

The statement of this text might seem to be very commonplace, but did you ever consider the mysteries involved in it?

A recent authority says that an oak tree of 700,000 leaves gives off 120 tons of water in a season. A big tree must carry hundreds of buckets full of water up two or three flights of stairs every twenty-four hours in midsummer.

A tree is a great manufacturing plant and water is required in every department. In some trees there is a dairyman dispensing supplies, a jeweler preparing crystals, a sugar-refiner manufacturing sweets, a starch-maker, a perfumer distilling scents, a varnish-maker developing resins and waxes, a color-expert preparing dye-stuffs. The roots must constantly act as pumps to bring vast supplies of water with mineral solutions to all the departments.

Chemical processes are going on within the tree which constantly develop heat. Water in sufficient quantities must be provided to keep evaporation going on at the leaf surfaces, so as to reduce the plant's temperature. If the pumps fail to work or the wells run dry, the tree burns up.

Water is the principal food of the tree cells. Every cell has to be immersed in life-giving water, even to the very top of the tree. For this reason, provision must be made to control evaporation beyond a certain point and hold enough water within bounds. Every leaf is coated with a preparation that effectively seals it. Air may enter and water may escape through microscopic openings on the under side of the leaves. It is for this reason that the whole trunk of the tree is jacketed in protective bark, a water-proof material. Cork, made from bark, is used wherever it is desired to retain or prevent the entrance of moisture. Thus protected, the cells of the tree, though they hang in the very eye of the sun, are constantly kept moist.

Who Will Explain It?

But who can tell us how all this water is carried up? No one seems to know. The lamp-wick principle (capillary attraction) will not go far in raising water. This would fail to raise water to the top even of a very small tree.

Some have advanced the theory of root pressure. A glass tube was inserted in an upright position on the stem of a small tree cut off near the ground. This should show to what height the sap would rise by pressure from below. Tests have been made in which water has been raised in this way in a birch tree as high as 84.7 feet. But it is found that root pressure takes place only in early spring, especially in the morning. But when a tree is evaporating the greatest quantity of water on dry, hot days, there is no root pressure whatever.

It has been well established that the rise of water is caused by a pull from above. A branch cut from a growing plant and inserted in an air-tight tube has been seen to draw a supply of water from the tube with such force as to pull a column of mercury after it.

What is the pull from above? A suction pump, at best, can lift water only 33 feet. According to the laws of physics it is impossible for it to be pulled higher. No invention has been able to do it. Yet 33 feet falls far short of the top of some trees.

The suction pump, by the lift of its piston,

removes the air pressure from the upper surface, creating a vacuum so that the water pushes up the pipe from below by the weight of the atmosphere, a pressure of 15 pounds to the square inch at sea level. But 33 feet is the limit and in a tree, water will go to the topmost branch, no matter how high.

The Only Explanation

Men have been compelled to admit, in the words of the psalmist: "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it" (Psa. 139:6. God is indeed "great in counsel and mighty in work" (Jer. 32:19). "There is no searching of His understanding" (Isa. 40:28).

William Cullen Bryant's lines give the true answer to the problem of the tree:

"Father, Thy hand
Hath reared these venerable columns, Thou
Didst weave this verdant roof. Thou didst
look down
Upon the naked earth and forthwith rose
All these fair ranks of trees. They, in Thy
sun
Budded, and shook their green leaves in
Thy breeze
And shot towards heaven."

The Godly Man a Tree

The godly man is likened to a "tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psa. 1:3). When one is brought into vital union with Jesus Christ there is brought into his very being "a fountain of water springing up into eternal life" (John 4:14). Not only does he have this life-giving water for his own refresh-

ment, but he gives off to others (Jn. 7:38-39). This water our Lord interpreted to be "the Holy Spirit which they that believe on Him should receive."

The operation of the Spirit in and through the believer is as mysterious as is the flow of sap up the tree (Jn. 3:8). Transformed and fruitful lives can be accounted for only by the mysterious working of the Holy Spirit.

The man of God, like the tree, is a great manufacturing plant, dependent upon the supply and upraising of living water to every department of his life. "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Cor. 12:7). The Spirit distills such products as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance (Gal. 5:22-23). If these inner products are lacking in the Christian life, it is only because something has interfered with the inflow. Obstructions from beneath may effectually stop this intake, in spite of the pull from above.

In Relation to Others

As the tree gives off its moisture into the atmosphere, helping to purify and sweeten the air breathed by other creatures, so the man of God emanates spiritual influences about him, "diffusing the fragrance of the knowledge of him in every place" (2 Cor. 2:14).

The psalmist compared himself to a "green olive tree near the house of God" (Psa. 52:8). Tristram in his "Natural History of the Bible" says: "To the Oriental, the coolness of the pale green foliage of the olive trees, its evergreen freshness, spread like a silver sea along the slopes of the hills, speaks of peace and plenty, food and gladness." Surely it should be said of the Christian: "The fruit of the righteous is as a tree of life" (Prov. 11:30).

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree," said David (Psa. 92:12). Like the palm, the Christian may dwell in a desert land, but he will be unmoved by the scorching, withering winds of temptation and persecution, for he is sustained by the deep, secret springs of divine grace. The Hindus say the palm has 360 uses. Should not the Spirit-filled Christian have as many uses?

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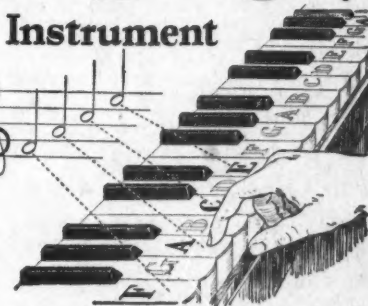
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Christianity and Atheism Contrasted

By, Rev. A. Sims

Can atheism reform depraved men and make them happy? Can it make bad governments good? Can it make men honest, sober, benevolent and self-denying? Can it comfort us in death, and give us hope concerning the future? The facts of history prove that it cannot.

Atheism makes men miserable in life, and torments them in death. It has given license to lust and iniquity, and enkindled vice. The influence of atheistic lives frequently exert a most demoralizing effect. After their death their writings exercise a pernicious influence upon the minds of young and unstable persons. They make the end of many dark, wretched, hopeless, yes, awful. Gambetta, once President of the French Republic, was an atheist. He is reported to have said, just before he died: "I am lost. It is useless to attempt to conceal it. But I have suffered so much, it will be a deliverance."

An atheist said: "There is one thing that mars all the pleasure of my life. I am afraid the Bible is true. If I could know for a certainty that death is an eternal sleep, I should be happy. But, here is what pierces my soul, if the Bible is true I am lost forever."

A professional atheist, while denying the doctrine of eternal punishment in a discussion with his fellow-boarders, was stricken with paralysis, the whole of one side, from head to foot, including the tongue, losing vitality. He was taken to the hospital, where he died.

Atheistic France wrote, "Death is an eternal sleep," above her cemeteries, and then tore down civilization, and quenched the light of humanity in seas of blood. The French communists in 1871, while arresting ecclesiastics, describing them as "servants of a person called God," dug down the foundations of law, order, peace, and truth, and with fire and sword destroyed their fellowmen by thousands, and made the streets of Paris red with blood.

A noted American atheist said by the coffin of his brother: "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry."

"Give me more laudanum, that I may not think of eternity."—Mirabeau.

"O the insufferable pangs of hell! O eternity! forever and forever."—Newport.

"I am abandoned by God and man. I shall go to hell."—Voltaire.

"Hell is a refuge, if it hide me from thy frown."—Altamont.

"I would gladly give thirty thousand pounds to have it proved there is no hell."—Chartres.

"Stay with me, for God's sake. I cannot bear to be left alone."—Paine.

"Soul, what will become of thee?"—Mazarin.

So died hundreds of others, including Home, the philosopher and Gibbon, the historian.

This is the best atheism can do. What, then, about the religion of the Bible?

1. Christianity is the only religion that is confirmed by the prophecies that have undeniably been fulfilled.

2. Christianity is the only religion whose writings prove, to every unprejudiced mind, the mighty hand of God, as clearly as the works of nature declare His wisdom and power.

3. Christianity is the only religion that has survived the attacks of open foes and pretended friends for nearly two thousand years, and is at the present day more pow-

erful than ever. Voltaire's house is now used by the Geneva Society as a repository house. The old premises of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in Earl Street, Blackfriars, London, England, stood where, in 1378, the council forbade Wycliffe circulating portions of the Holy Scriptures, and where he uttered the words, "The truth shall prevail." The Religious Tract Society's premises are where Bibles were publicly burned. Voltaire said that it took twelve Galilean fishermen to build up Christ's kingdom, but he would show them that one French atheist could tear it down. Yet the very press on which his book was printed is now used to print the Bible. The Bible Society now prints five hundred Bibles for every working hour of the day. Gibbon's house at Lake Lemane is now a hotel, in which there is a room for the sale of Bibles. Chesterfield's parlor, where an atheist club used to meet and rail at religion, is now a vestry where the songs and prayers of the penitent go up to God.

4. Christianity is the only religion that affords the believer the witness of its truth; so that persecution, and the approach of the most horrifying death, cannot shake his faith in it. Unlike the votaries of infidelity, no one has ever been known to renounce Christianity upon his dying bed. Read Foxe's Book of Martyrs.

5. Christianity is the only religion that fully satisfies the cravings of the human heart, and saves the sinner from the stings of a guilty conscience.

6. Christianity is the only religion that truly reforms man, makes him honest, unselfish, truthful, loving and pure.

7. Christianity is the only religion that properly exalts the character of Jehovah, and gives us just views of his attributes and perfections.

8. Christianity is the only religion that humbles, and yet exalts the creature—man.

9. Christianity is the only religion that gives solid peace in the hour of death, and victory over the grave. "I am in perfect peace, resting alone on the blood of Christ. I find this amply sufficient to enter the presence of God with."—Trotter. "I am sweeping through the gates, washed in the blood of the Lamb."—Rev. Alfred Cookman. "I see nothing terrible in death; I've no fears. I know in whom I have believed."—Brooks.

"As sure as He ever spake to me in His Word, His Spirit witnesseth to my heart, saying, 'Fear not.'"—Rutherford.

10. Christianity is the only religion that reveals an eternity of bliss, founded on a holy character.

12. Christianity is the only religion that will stand the fires of the Judgment Day. "But godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."—1 Tim. 4:8.

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Why the Church Is Failing

By, Dr. Newton N. Riddell

SCHOLARLY AGNOSTICISM IS UNSCIENTIFIC. Search the earth, and not one unbelieving scientist, educator, or modernist preacher can be found who is scientific in his attitude toward God. Whoever will pursue the methods of the laboratory and the classroom, i. e., follow the rules and apply the principles, will come to know God, know the miracle-working, transforming power of His Love, know the Way, the Truth and the Life, revealed in Christ Jesus.

The time has come when every minister, yes, every real, vital Christian, can and should know the Lord. Yes, know Him as an indwelling presence, and share His Life, Love, virtues, gifts, righteousness and God-consciousness; be one with Him in motive, purpose and achievement.

The Church is failing to Christianize the masses and to spiritualize its membership; because it is trying to do by education and organization that which can be done only by regeneration and the operation of the Holy Spirit.

Christian education and decision cannot take the place of prayer, regeneration, and daily realization of oneness with God. The Church has the children from their infancy; has them when major ideals and subjective habits are forming, has them when life and love are at their purest and most responsive stage. With all this advantage and opportunity, the Church loses 85% of them to the world. Why? Largely because the education given is mainly mental and idealistic, not vital and spiritual. They are taught to live according to Christian ideals, to "live the Jesus-way" of kindness and unselfish service to others. They are not taught how to pray and realize the experience of regeneration, heart-purity, Divine Love, oneness with Christ in Life, motive and achievement.

No one can, or does, live the Christ Life except Christ. Only as His Life becomes manifest in and through a regenerate soul is the Christian Life lived or experienced by anyone. All this effort to conform to Christian ideals and "live the Jesus-way," without Christ formed within, is irrational and unscientific. One might as well try to train turtles to "live the eagle-way," as to try to train unregenerate human nature to live the Christ Life.

The Jesus way of living did not come from ideals of ethics and service; but from Divine Love pouring from a God-engendered, God-filled heart. Only when men have regenerate hearts, and the Love of Christ is manifest in them, can they do the works of Christ.

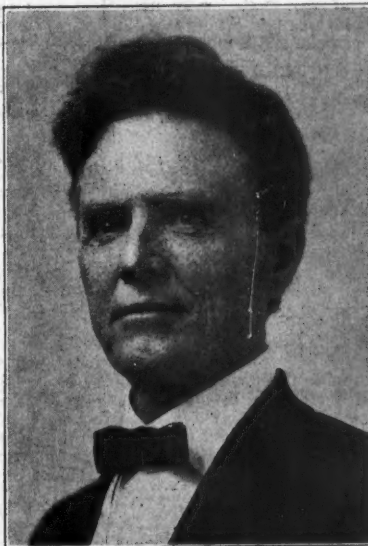
Never until the Church gets away from the fallacy of trying to make Christians by education, ethical culture and social service, and cooperate with the Holy Spirit in producing regenerate, Spirit-filled, Love-inspired Christians, will it have power to produce supernatural results and accomplish its mission of evangelizing the world and Christianizing the masses.

Be not deceived. Conforming conduct to Christian ideals is infinitely better than being conformed to the world of sensuous pleasure and immorality. But it is in no sense equivalent to being transformed into the image and expression of the indwelling

Christ. Morality under law is the duty and privilege of everyone, and brings its reward to the individual, society and the State. But morality as the expression of Divine Love and grace enriches the soul, and makes one a positive force for righteousness and Christian progress.

Spiritual Leadership Needed

Theological schools are not producing Prophets. They have no system of practice whereby students may become selfless, pure, Spirit-filled, God-inspired servants of Jesus Christ. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." An impure heart will keep any soul from God-consciousness. Any theological school, or system of religious teaching or practice, that does not deliver



Dr. Newton N. Riddell

from sensuality and substitute spirituality, necessarily fails to produce God-taught men. When creative power is expressed in sense-desire, it physicalizes consciousness. But when expressed in loving desire to be holy, to be one with God in motive and achievement, it serves in promoting inspiration and illumination.

School-made preachers who know not God readily accept the false conclusions of spiritually blind scientists. Not having the Light of the Spirit within, they cannot discern between truth and error, the facts of science and the false interpretation of those facts.

Preachers betrayed by unscientific theories unwittingly become false prophets, leading their followers into fallacies that destroy faith in the supernatural character and works of Jesus Christ. The Church is failing because it is substituting the theories of spiritually blind men for the revealed Word and Will of God; substituting natural means and methods for a supernatural Christ and His transforming power.

God's Way Out

Vital Christianity is the remedy for the present condition. Not more dogmatic theology; not more adjustment of Christian faith to expanding knowledge; not more leniency of thought and conformativeness for

the sake of peace and good-will; but Christ Jesus indwelling and manifesting His life, Love, nature and gifts in and through regenerate men and women.

Scholarly agnosticism is unscientific. Search the earth and not one materialist, atheist or agnostic can be found who is scientific in his attitude toward God and spiritual realities. Not one such has obeyed the laws whereby men come to know God. Apply the principles of agnosticism to any business in America, and it would soon go to ruin. No wonder the Church is failing when preachers and Christian educators are disseminating doubts and questionings about things that can be known experientially. Whoever will DO the Will of God will come to know Him. The greatest privilege, the most enriching experience in all the world, is to KNOW God; to know how to commune, through Divine Love, with the God of Love, Wisdom and Power.

If churchmen will cease striving to harmonize conflicting beliefs, to adjust Christian teaching to unproven theories, and to comply with the necessary conditions for realizing vital oneness with Jesus Christ; that He may manifest Himself in consciousness; they will find the solution of their difficulties in their united oneness with God in Christ.

Please Pray For Me

Dear Family: I think of the thousands of readers of The Defender as being one great family. You are the members of my congregation. No pastor was ever more proud of his membership than I am of the Defender Family. Your loyalty, enthusiasm and spiritual optimism is a constant source of inspiration to me.

With the ever-rising tide of service and the multiplicity of duties that God is thrusting upon me, there comes a corresponding sense of a deep spiritual need. What little God has been able to do through me in His service has come about as the direct result of prayer. All of my life prayer has had to be more than a theory to me.

As we face the future with its opportunities, problems and possibilities I am more determined than ever that the various lines of work shall be energized by prayer. In the Defender Family there are no doubt hundreds of family-altars, and it will bring great joy to me to know that the work is being remembered in prayer at these sacred shrines.

This is not mere sentiment and gush, that this call to prayer should be published. If the Defender Family will continue to stand solidly together in prayer, there is no way of knowing what God may be able to do through this great and powerful constituency in the very near future.

I believe that every faithful servant of God in public life has those times when he feels a deep need of spiritual help. What a joy it is for him to know that there are a multitude of friends holding him up in prayer as he goes forward to face the evils of his day. Every true God-called servant is a prophet to his generation. Many a prophet's voice has been stilled through lack of spiritual backing.

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Rader In China And India

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far Country."
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As this **Defender** goes to press, Paul Rader is leaving China for India. His daughter, Pauline, is a missionary in India and she will journey to Singapore to meet Mr. Rader. This means that they will have a voyage of perhaps one week together, on their way to India. Mr. Rader has great missionary interests in both India and China. His work in China has been marvelously used of God on the present tour.

Mr. Rader has long felt that the converted native is best qualified to go out and win his own people for Christ, when carefully trained. For years he has looked forward to the time when such a plan could be worked out in the Orient. At last the hour has come, with the launching of the Chinese Missionary Society, when ways have been provided for sending consecrated Christian natives out to gather in their own kind for Christ.

Everywhere Mr. Rader has gone, there have been large numbers of Chinese missionary volunteers. Whole mission fields have been electrified and strengthened by his tour. One of the splendid things that has come out of his tour to the Orient is the launching of the Chinese Missionary Society.

Dr. Leland Wang, the noted Chinese preacher, called "the Moody of China," has traveled with Mr. Rader constantly during his tour of China, acting as interpreter. They have had great audiences everywhere, even while up in Manchuria, the war-torn area on the Russian border.

The following is an extra from a recent communication sent by Mr. Rader from China:

"Do not think of China as filled with empty-minded people. For seven thousand years the streams of ideas for living life have been flowing and they have been drinking in its waters. Some of the finest philosophy extant has been in their possession through these centuries. Other civilizations have dried up and gone down but China has just gone on and on. She has been conquered only to swallow up her conquerors. The old Marchu dynasty conquered but its last ruler was swallowed up by the revolution and China is going on. Her nerves are surely buried deep in her flesh. You dare not say that because she doesn't get excited and fly to pieces she has no nerves, for her art and literature and home life show that she has. However, she has an armor plate of patience. Here is the largest unused reservoir of human material and boundless energy on this earth with a deep, deep past filled with thought. China is elastic but has never been stretched. Oh, God, stretch this people. Let us expect the world's greatest revival where one-fourth of earth's millions live. Let us believe God for a fire that will set boiling the power of the Spirit in these Christian Chinese. One of the oldest missionaries returned this week to his life work here where he has translated the world's literature into Chinese. But he says he has come back to China to a new day for himself. No more educational effort for him. He says, 'I am going to preach Christ crucified alone, all else that we have done has failed. I am going to end up right.'

"I have great hopes of the new China because the people are as willing to change as they are in spite of more barriers and prejudices than we of the west can know.

I find very many changes in the Chinese since my last visit and changes in the missionaries such as the one I have mentioned. The modernist group have seen most of their works of years burnt up by the revolution.

"I find that as the Chinese have taken over their own government just so have the Chinese Christians assumed their own responsibility for giving China the Gospel.

"At six o'clock of my first day before I had preached I was given a reception and feast by the Chinese ministers of Shanghai and the members of the Home Missionary Society an organization set up to get the Gospel to untouched areas. The Chinese Chairman spoke in beautiful English with a real spiritual fervor and then said the same thing in Shanghai dialect for those who spoke no English. The Chinese secretary of the Society spoke wonderfully the same way. Then Mr. Wang translated as I spoke and Mr. Chow interpreted as Mr. Jaffray gave them the picture of the South Sea Islands that he and Mr. Wang has recently visited and laid the call of the Island world on their hearts. Here was a new day. Chinese entertaining foreigners and themselves taking the lead and being willing to go to other lands to carry the Gospel.

"We were the foreign guests. Next to me on the right was Leland Wang — then a Chinese Presbyterian pastor — next a dear old Methodist pastor who loved the Lord and had seen very much persecution in his early ministry. Next sat a Chinese writer, a layman. Then came Dr. Mary Stone the famous Holy Ghost physician so well known in our country at all the Methodist and Holiness Campmeetings. Next sat Miss Hughes, her partner in their great work here at what they call Bethel. Then next sat a dear aged and wise and prayerful retired Chinese evangelist — and last the Chairman Mr. Kong, pastor of Allen Memorial Baptist Church, the largest Chinese Church in Shanghai. Next to Mr. Jaffray sat Mr. Chow, his interpreter, head of Christian Endeavor. Next came Pastor Joe, secretary of the Home Missionary Society, and at his side Dr. Boo, Secretary of the Baptist Association. A man with a busy life and an evangelistic heart. He is just back from Jerusalem with his heart on fire for souls. It seems a shame to see him bound up in administrative work when his heart is on fire for souls. May God loose him and let him go. Next was the publisher of Chinese Evangelical literature. Then two more of the denominational pastors. Each was present to represent his denomination at the reception. The tea came on in a cup more like a soup bowl with a lovely saucer on top of it. You moved the saucer slightly which kept the tea-grounds back as you drew in the hot tea. The fans where oh so welcome. I was wringing wet. The top of my shoes were soaked. I never saw heat like this before anywhere on earth. Then came whole fishes about a foot long and big bowls of rice, with bowls of scrambled eggs and fresh shrimps. Chop Sticks? Sure, or go without eating or use your fingers. You "can do," as they say in pigeon English, if you "no got" anything else. The fish was sliced like cake and you picked up a piece, put it on your bowl of rice and took it with smaller pieces with other stuff. A little rice along with each bit of anything. (Turn to page 13.)

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"Remember Lot's Wife"

A Sermon
By, Rev. Gerald B. Winrod

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is mentioned twenty-eight times in the Bible by twelve writers. Perhaps next to the narrative of Jonah and the Whale this Bible Story has suffered more from ridicule than any other passage of scripture, yet when understood, the story of the destruction of these two cities is both logical and scientific. Abraham was the uncle of Lot. When Jehovah called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees he took his nephew Lot, a young man, with him. It was two mighty caravans that journeyed from Ur of Chaldees to the Holy Land.

After spending some time in their new home, Abraham and Lot journeyed to Egypt. Later they returned to the Holy Land. Both men had great possessions in herds, servants, camels and caravans. They finally settled at Bethel, a beautiful spot, twelve miles north of the city of Jerusalem.

After many years of friendship and after passing through many hardships together, a quarrel finally developed in the family. It seems that Lot's shepherds and Abraham's shepherds quarreled one day while bartering over their herds. The relations of these two mighty men were greatly strained. Strife developed between them.

Abraham demonstrated a most beautiful spirit. He said to Lot, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee and between my herds and thy herds; for we are brethren." Abraham was unselfish. He took Lot to the highest vantage point in northern Palestine and said in substance: "Now, view the land, Lot, to the right and to the left and take your choice."

Abraham was the older of the two men. Lot should have said, "No, uncle, you choose," but Lot, the young man, made the selection. His selfish eye scanned the barren waste land and then he looked away to the east and he saw a fertile, green, ribbon-like valley beyond which were the cities of the plain. He thought of his flocks and contemplated that the plain was well watered. He took the best land and left the dry barren places for Abraham. We read that Lot pitched his tent on the road to Sodom.

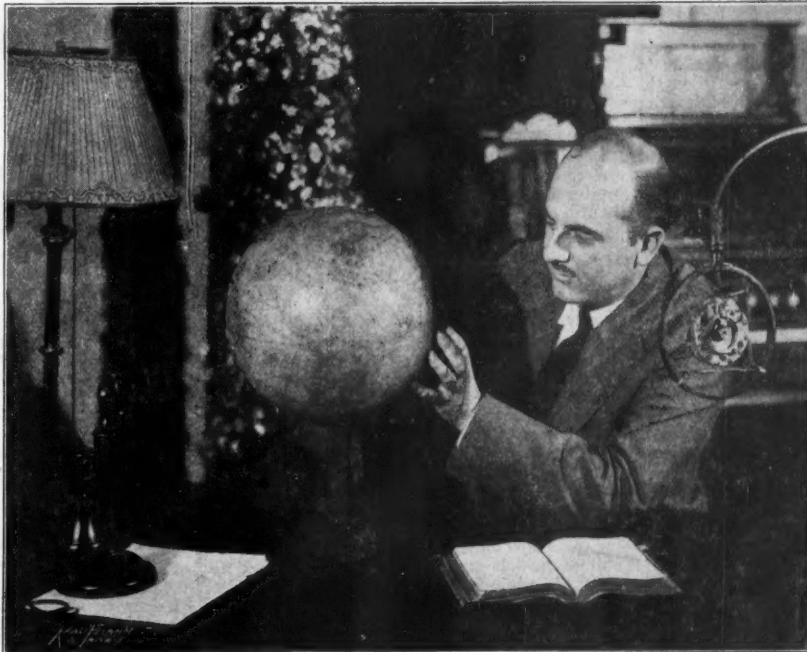
There Lot stood at Bethel. It was a place of decision. It was a crisis hour. Life is made up largely of decisions. Lot made a wrong choice at his Bethel and he spent the rest of his life paying for the mistake.

God deals with man just like Abraham dealt with Lot at Bethel. He deals with man as a free moral agent. God will never break your will. You are not a mechanical device to be moved about arbitrarily by an

omnipotent Deity. You are not an automaton. As a free moral agent you have it in your power to defy God with your will. God could not crack your will and still be God. He will never snatch your will from you.

At the close of an address in Old Orchard, Maine, one night a lady introduced me to a man to whom she wanted me to speak. I questioned the man about his relationship with God and he told me how that eighteen years before, God had definitely put His hand upon him for the ministry. He deliberately made a decision contrary to the plan of God for his life and plunged into a pool of iniquity eighteen years deep. He said: "I feel dead in my heart. I have positively no impulse toward God nor have I had such an impulse during these eighteen years."

God deals with man as a rational, free moral agent. You stand at Bethel and you



Here Mr. Winrod is seen in the studio of the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle with the radio microphone in front of him. He is in the act of looking for the location of his colleague, Paul Rader (who was in China at that time), on the globe-map.

have it in your power to defy God. Read His "Thou Shalt Nots."

Thou shalt have no other gods before Him. Thou shalt not take His name in vain. Thou shalt remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. Thou shalt honor thy father and mother. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. That is the way you would talk to one whom you recognized as being a conscious, rational, free moral agent.

Lot was not a bad kind of a man. He had many virtues. He also had one besetting sin. Out of that root sin came the tragedy, sorrow and final ruin of later years. Satan needs to fasten only one besetting sin upon a person in order to gain ultimate control.

The story of the downfall of one of America's great religious leaders is a tragic tale. He was a splendid man, but he had one besetting sin. He had a mania for drink. He was not a drunkard, but occasionally he would take a drink. The man knew that he should not do it, but he left the bars down. He exposed himself to temptation. Where he left the door open Satan entered. In an unguarded moment the Devil tripped him. I have always hated the Devil for that. Today that man's life is a mass of human wreckage.

One cigarette spark may cause a mighty conflagration. One rolling pebble has often caused an avalanche. A rolling pebble produced an avalanche in Colorado which buried the Southern Pacific under an eighty foot sheet of water. One little pebble of sin is all that Satan needs in order to bury a life under an avalanche of iniquity. If you have a besetting sin you had better get it or some day it will get you.

Lot's sin was greed. His sin was rooted in selfishness. Every other sin known to mankind comes out of the one root sin of selfishness. The love of self was the sin that brought about the collapse of Satan's kingdom. While he was yet the beautiful archangel he deliberately put his will in opposition to the will of God and said, "I will."

Jesus was a selfless being. He was without self. He came not to do His own will but the will of His Father Who sent Him. He said: "I am meek and lowly." These two words "meek" and "lowly" really mean without self and without pride. He could be Jesus because He was free from the sin of greed.

Several years passed after Lot left Bethel and journeyed out into the cities of the plain. Later he became a prominent business-man of the city of Sodom.

Abraham, the servant of God, prophesied the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. He knew of the filthy sin that characterized these two cities, which involved a dreadful desecration of the human body. The sin was introduced primarily as a religious rite by the priests. Abraham knew that only one thing could save the cities and that was salt.

He journeyed to Sodom in search of salt. Not mineral salt. He was looking for a different kind of salt. Had he been

searching for mineral salt he could have found plenty, for Sodom Mountain stood near the city of Sodom where it stands today, a white, glistening mass of solid salt. From a distance it looks like a hill of silver. The mountain stands five hundred feet high, but in reality it is a hole in the ground because it is seven hundred feet below sea level. Deep salt beds are scattered throughout that section. Some of the mountain is covered with a yellow layer of sulphur. The mountain rests its foundations in great salt beds.

In ancient times salt was very scarce in some parts of the world. Even today salt is a luxury which only the rich can own in parts of Africa.

In olden times covenants were sealed with
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blood. Two persons entering into an agreement would dash a spot of blood from their veins on the document and thus they were bound by blood. Animals were sometimes killed and their blood was used in executing agreements. This legal process was as binding as the seal of a Notary Public in modern times. The flesh of the animals, whose lives were taken in order to secure their blood, was sometimes eaten by the parties who were entering into the agreement.

It was found that the taste of the meat was greatly improved by eating salt with it. Hence agreements thus executed were called "Covenants of Salt." We read of one such covenant in Numbers 18:19. We read that this particular agreement was "a covenant of salt for ever before the Lord." Arabs have a legal term known in the desert as "Salt between us." In Persia even to this day, when one breaks his word it is a legal phrase to say that "he is untrue to salt." Cakes made of salt are used as money in Abyssinia, parts of Africa, and Tibet. Roman soldiers used to receive a part of their pay in salt because salt was looked upon as a luxury. Perhaps you have used the phrase, "He is not worth his salt."

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." When He used this phrase He was literally saying that ye "are a covenant people bound to God with legal bonds."

What is the chief function of salt? Salt keeps things from getting rotten. That is exactly what Christianity does on the earth. Close up the churches of America, drive the preachers out of the country, destroy the gospel testimony and within a generation society would be a stinking mass of festering corruption.

Abraham knew that only human salt could save Sodom and Gomorrah. He was not searching for mineral salt or covenant salt. He was in search of righteous people. Jehovah told him that the cities would be spared if he found as many as fifty righteous people. Abraham was unable to find even as many as ten. In all Sodom and Gomorrah he could find only one lump of human salt. The only good man he could find was Lot and he was not really virtuous. Both cities might have been vacated before the catastrophe had Abraham been able to start a revival through righteous people.

Just before the crash came, a marvelous thing happened. Two angelic messengers visited Lot. Angels are real. They are intelligent. They are famous for deeds of kindness. Someone has called them God's messenger boys.

Angels are always represented as masculine beings and never as feminine. The pictures that you have hanging on the walls of your home showing women faces are not scriptural. It is amazing how little the average professing Christian knows about angels.

No doubt there are many orders and ranks of angels and archangels. Perhaps every such angelic ministering spirit has an appropriate name, but only two angels are named in the Bible, Gabriel and Michael. About all the average person knows about Gabriel is stated in the negro song, "When Gabriel blows his trumpet in the morning." This scoundrel is, of course, not scriptural because the Bible says nothing about Gabriel possessing a trumpet. Angels are created beings, Christ is an uncreated being. The Golden Text of the Bible, John 3:16, says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." Jesus was an uncreated, begotten being. When one comes out of Adam and into Christ, he becomes a partaker of uncreated, eternal life, and, therefore, possesses a higher order of life than angelic beings.

Gabriel is the prophet angel. He revealed the future to Daniel. He predicted the birth of John the Baptist. He appeared to Mary

and told her that she would give birth to the Son of God.

Michael is the warrior angel. He planned the attack on Jericho for Joshua. He guarded the tomb of Jesus. He fought with Lucifer for the body of Moses. In Daniel the tenth chapter, we read that an angel started with a message for Daniel and was twenty-one days late in delivering it. The angel apologizes for his delay by saying that the Prince of Persia had withstood him and that he finally had to call on Michael for help.

Two angels called at Lot's house just before Sodom and Gomorrah went down. When it was known that the angels were staying with Lot for the night, a mob, coming from the four directions of the city of Sodom, assembled around Lot's house and sought to desecrate the bodies of the angels. Lot went outside of his house and pleaded with the mob, but without success. They were in the act of battering his door down when one angel reached out and jerked Lot back in the house while the other smote the mob with blindness.

That the wicked and immoral people of Sodom should have sought to desecrate the bodies of even the angels was too much. This was the straw that broke the camel's back. From that hour the doom of Sodom and Gomorrah was sealed.

Early at day-break the next morning there was a rumbling sound, accompanied with a sudden cracking of the soil. It was an earthquake. The foundations seemed to be sliding from beneath Sodom and Gomorrah. This sudden outburst was accompanied by a volcanic eruption, roaring flames and falling brimstone. The flames and smoke shot upward to a great height. Diving shrieks were soon heard on every hand.

Let it be understood that the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah came about from natural causes. These causes, no doubt, were an earthquake and a volcanic explosion. The miracle in this sad experience is not in the destruction of the cities or the falling of the brimstone. Many have been puzzled at this point. They have wondered from where the fire and brimstone which fell from heaven came. This has given rise to much adverse criticism on the part of skeptical persons. The miracle was not in the falling brimstone. The miracle was in the visit of the angels and the call of the city to repent.

The scriptural narrative says that brimstone was "rained" from heaven. Rain has first to go up from the earth and be stored in the clouds before it can fall. The sun reaches down, drinks up water from the earth, and deposits it in the clouds, so that it can fall from above. Like that the brimstone, which was made up of great clinkers of sulphur, was thrown up by the explosion and later "rained down."

Before Sodom and Gomorrah went down, a part of the Dead Sea came up. Today Sodom and Gomorrah are in the bottom of the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is 1317 feet below sea level. Its surface is 340 square miles. It contains eleven thousand six hundred million tons of salt. The sea has no outlet and is relieved only by evaporation. The water is so thick that the human body cannot sink in it. The mineral wealth of the Dead Sea is estimated as being eleven hundred and forty billions of dollars; a staggering figure.

In the days of Sodom and Gomorrah these regions flowed with oil. There were also great bituminous coalbeds and acres of asphalt. The soil was white with salt and yellow with sulphur. Wherever you find oil, bituminous coalbeds and asphalt, you will find gases. Where there are gases there will be combustion. The gases ignited at the time of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Perhaps you have seen a tub of asphalt where new pavement was being laid down. If so, you have seen thick, black smoke rolling upward. Abraham was perhaps fifteen miles away when Sodom and Gomorrah

were destroyed and he heard the explosion and saw the black smoke rolling upward at that distance.

The two angels hurried Lot and his family out of the city. On their way out Mrs. Lot turned and ran back into Sodom, perhaps to get her silverware or vanity case, or possibly she forgot to kiss one of the neighbor ladies goodbye. In the original text it is clear that she not only looked back upon Sodom, but that she went back as well. The Bible says that she turned into a pillar of salt. Infidels and agnostics have long scoffed at this statement due to their lack of information on the subject.

I know of a man who fell into the Dead Sea. When he got out, his garments were so crusted and stiffened with salt that they stood up of themselves. Lot's wife became literally encrusted with salt so that she was actually a pillar of salt. When Pompeii was destroyed by the outbursts of Mount Vesuvius hundreds of human bodies became encrusted in lava. Not unlike this, Lot's wife became coated with salt when she returned to Sodom.

It will be seen from this analysis that the cities were destroyed by natural processes. However, it was a miracle that Abraham should have known that they were going to be destroyed. One of the miracles in this circumstance was the revelation that Abraham had from God in advance of the tragedy. Had Sodom and Gomorrah heeded the appeal of the prophet, both cities could have been emptied before the visitation of the wrath of God.

Lot never amounted to anything after he left Sodom. It is a tragic story concerning how he sank into moral iniquity. He made his great mistake back there at Bethel when he made a wrong decision and pitched his tent on the road to Sodom.

Perhaps, standing at Bethel, he saw the glitter, the glare and the great white way of Sodom. No doubt he contemplated the whoopee parties, the jazz music, the dance halls, the painted women, the social world, the fancy liquors, the frivolity, the mad dissipation and the nights of putrid revelry.

Perhaps he contemplated also that he was in the cattle business and that it would be a great advantage to him to be near the packing houses of Sodom where there would be a great demand for his cattle as well as his dairy products. Sin seemed to have a commercial value. I venture to suggest that if your business is keeping you in sin, that it will be better for you in the long run if you turn about and engage yourself in another profession.

Don't pitch your tent on the road to Sodom or the next step and you will be in Sodom. Sodom represents sin. It is a type of moral iniquity.

In the city of Paris there is a vulgar, lecherous place of gaiety and over the door in dazzling electric lights are the words, "Nothing to pay." This means, of course, that much of the entertainment is free. Nothing to pay in a place like that! When you enter upon such a wild, gay, rollicking life like Lot entered upon when he went to Sodom, there is everything to pay. You pay in body, mind and soul. You pay in health, blasted hopes and shattered ideals. You pay in generations unborn.

Perhaps you are living a life of artificial stimulation. You go here and there into the gay life, the dance, the world, the flesh and the devil. You are seeking peace and contentment, but you will never find it until you find God. You will never be happy until you find your place in God. Man was built for God. His very nature calls for God.

The normal environment of a fish is water. Take a fish out of water and it will die. The normal environment of a bird is the air. Likewise the normal environment of the soul of a man is God.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

The Mysterious Magic Road

Dr. A. P. Gouthey, Seattle, Washington

Across the creek from a cottage where I once lived a road winds over the hill, and disappears among the trees. Like all roads that cut their way through the forest this one intrigued me. The lure became irresistible, and so one day in answer to the beckoning call of late afternoon shadows I made my way across the pasture to where this road slips mysteriously through a screen of vines and begins to ascend the hill.

It was a new road. I did not know what to look for. Each turn and hill and valley was therefore a thrilling adventure. Each tangled vine, each tree, each bed of wild flowers, and each bunch of feathery ferns was a discovery.

Life is like that. Each day is a new road. Like the Prophet of old the morning warns us that we "have not passed this way before." It is this lure of the unknown that makes life a thrilling adventure.

If our day's were all mapped and scheduled life would soon become an unbearable monotony.

It is the arrangement of a Wise Providence that the road may reveal itself only as it is traveled.

To know something of the road ahead might, at times, be an advantage, but these advantages would be offset by the fact that knowledge of what awaits us around the next turn would many times make dull and uninteresting what otherwise might be a thrilling discovery. Not only so, but knowledge of what lies ahead would frequently so terrify us that we would have no courage to go on.

If fortune tellers and seers could reveal the future, I would not visit them. They would rob me of the relish of living. I much prefer to allow each bend in the road to reveal its own joy or sorrow.

The heart has a way of meeting each emergency as it presents itself, whether it be joy or sorrow, success or seeming failure, and as Tennyson would say, fill us with "the glory of going on."

At almost the first turn in the road, as a barefoot lad, I came face to face with the mystery of death,—and it was the deepest of all the mysteries of this mysterious realm, namely: **Why good mothers are taken who leave small children.**—And I stood bewildered amid the shadows. But at the next turn laughter chased away the falling tears, and hope hung a rainbow across my clouded day. A youthful dream danced gaily down the road ahead of me, and I followed eagerly on. The minor note of sorrow grew fainter and fainter and finally blended into the major music of life's marching song.

Visions of a great tomorrow thronged my mind and thrilled me with promise of world-startling achievement. A few things have been accomplished, but for the most these visions move on ahead just out of reach. And this is well, for were it not for these dreams of conquest the drab monotony of midday would long since have become unbearable.

Disappointment leaped out of the shadows and engaged me in a life and death struggle. But as I battled this hideous thing in the dark the sunrise of a new courage broke through the gloom and gave light in which to vanquish my foe, and over his prostrate body I continued down the road filled with a new sense strength against another day of battle.

An understanding heart with whom I had journeyed far bid me a hasty farewell and turned off the road. I paused a moment

to weep, and as I wept I found my sorrow being minted into the currency of broadened sympathy, a fuller understanding, and a richer hope.

A friend whom I had trusted betrayed me. The treacherous act of this Judas plunged me into a bewildering sorrow that hung deep shadows across the road for many days, and out of these shadows came the mocking voice of despair creaking its sardonic ridicule: "Now what about your poetic philosophy? Is this not the grave of hope?" Dejected, and almost bitter, I sat by the wayside pondering the deceit which had given birth to an act so foul and despicable. And then another surprising discovery: The master of the road touched the bitter waters, and they became a crystal spring, out of which flowed a nobler loyalty in which I washed away my bitterness of spirit and became a truer friend.

And so the years have brought me to the summit of the hill. Looking back I can see the road making its way through sunlight and shadows; over the little hills and down into the valleys. At every turn a new experience has awaited my coming, and before leaving me has pressed into my hand a check to be banked against the needs and duties and responsibilities awaiting me at the next turn. These adventures with life have filled my heart with courage and hope for the remainder of the journey.

I turn toward the west. The road is hidden. Out yonder I can see the dim outline of the last hill silhouetted against the shadows of the evening sky. With trembling hand,—not from fear, but from the excitement of breathless expectant wonder I shall directly part the curtains and pass into the great unknown. Toward the last bend in the road I hurry then, buoyed up by the hope of thrilling adventure.

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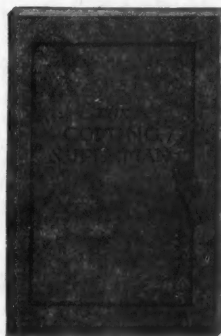
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THE TRANSLATION OF THE CHURCH

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than one hundred and eighty-three thousand men on his pay-roll while building the temple. Seven and one half years were required to complete the task. Later a magnificent palace was erected for himself, which it required thirteen years to build. Solomon became famous for his stables. There were forty thousand stalls for horses and chariots in his stables.

Silver was no longer a precious metal in Israel because Solomon had so much of it. Even his drinking vessels were pure gold. He had five hundred shields for his private soldiers and each shield was overlaid with about twelve pounds of gold. His kingdom was the richest the world has ever known. This wise man, this exalted being, this great builder, this mighty General was also a great lover. In later years his love-life became perverted and this was the cause of his final ruin.

This book, *The Song of Solomon*, draws a picture of the Church as the Bride of Christ. The book describes a love affair of Solomon, but in its broader aspect and typology we see that Solomon and his bride are pictures of Christ and His Church. To understand the book correctly one must get the background of the drama.

It is perhaps a legitimate conjecture to say that this glorious king, arrayed in all the power and glory of Israel, made a journey with his horses, chariots and officials, from Jerusalem down into Egypt. Doubtless he was dressed in royal robes, and his party represented the aristocracy and wealth of his kingdom. Along the way great multitudes of people assembled to see the king and his royal party.

Suddenly, a beautiful, olive-skinned Egyptian maiden glided across the road ahead of the king's royal party. Solomon caught only one glimpse of the beautiful girl as she disappeared among the shrubbery. It was love at first sight. Her beauty and charm filled his thoughts for days and thrilled his soul. Perhaps the king tried to find her, but he could not. She was gone. However, he learned that she was a shepherdess and that her flocks were nearby. He also learned that she spent some of her time working in a vineyard.

THE SHEPHERD KING

His heart hungered for her. He could not put her out of his thoughts. Finally he returned to the very spot where he had caught the glimpse of her. When he returned he did not come as a king, but he came disguised, dressed in the garb of a shepherd.

As a shepherd he won her heart. What a revelation it was to her when she learned that he was a king and that he had a marvelous palace in Jerusalem. We find that they returned to the palace together and the conversation that occurred there between them makes up the contents of this book. He, the bridegroom, speaks a while, then she, the bride, takes up the thread of the conversation, and all of this is a type of a conversation between Christ and His Bride, the Church. She says, "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine. Draw me, we will run after thee. The king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee; we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee. I am black, but comely. O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon." She also says, "Look not upon me because I am black."

Here the Church recognizes its blackness, unworthiness and humility. Why should this humble, dark-skinned maiden be granted admission to the palace of the king? Why should we sinful mortals be so highly favored as to be members of His Church?

The bridegroom answers, "O, thou fairest among women, thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold." The bride answers, "Behold thou

art fair, my love; thou hast doves' eyes. Now Solomon uses the very phrase by which our Lord is called. He is drawn so close to Christ that he speaks of Him in the first person, and says, "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys."

THE FIG TREE

In the prophecies the Jews are referred to as the fig tree. In the Olivet discourse the Lord says, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when its branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh." The budding of the fig tree refers to the restoration of Israel in the end of this age. In the same chapter the Lord refers to the Translation of the Church following the budding of the fig tree. In other words, when Israel returns to Palestine, we may expect the Church to be taken out of the earth. Jesus says, "Then two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left." The very same term was used by Solomon with reference to the Jews, hundreds of years before, in the Song of Solomon, "The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell."

Then Solomon in the same verse refers to the Translation of the Church in these words, "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." It is significant that Solomon should also refer to the Translation of the Church as the next event to follow the budding of the fig tree.

Solomon's bride also referred to the Translation of the Church when she said: "He brought me to the banquetting house, and his banner over me was love." This refers, of course, to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb which occurs in connection with the Translation. That will be the greatest meeting in the history of the world. The Bible tells about some great meetings. It was a great meeting when the Children of Israel saw the waves of the Red Sea roll back and crossed on dry land. It was a great meeting on Mount Carmel when the fire fell in answer to the prayer of Elijah. It was a great meeting when the five thousand were seated and fed by five loaves and two fishes. It was a great meeting at Pentecost, the day the Church was born, when three thousand souls came into the Church. Some great meetings were held during the Welsh revival. Moody and Finney saw some great meetings, but the greatest meeting this world will ever know will be the meeting of the Lord with His Church, when the Bride is translated.

Notice, Solomon says that the Church will "come away" when the fig tree putteth forth her green figs. This is why Bible students are watching the return of the Jews to Palestine.

Referring again to the removal of the Church from the earth, Solomon's bride says, "My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone: The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle (dove) is heard in our land."

EARTH'S SPRINGTIME

This vivid description of earth's springtime refers, of course, to the Millennium which follows the Translation of the Church.

The second coming of Christ is referred to specifically by the bride in these words, "The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills." This refers to the time when the Lord will return to His pulpit on the Mount of Olives. Zechariah says, "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley: and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

During the conversation doubtless Solomon's bride looked back upon their pleas-

ant courtship days, when he came disguised as a shepherd and looked "forth at the windows," showing himself playfully "through the lattice." As Solomon came garbed in shepherd's attire in seeking his bride, likewise Christ came for His Church, disguised as "The Good Shepherd."

THE TUG OF THE UNSEEN

The Translation of the Church will be the most dramatic hour in the history of the world, and some of us feel that it is not far away. We sense His soon coming. There is something in the air. Like the lowing herd senses the coming storm in some unknown way and begins huddling together in the fence corners. Like the instinct of the birds which takes them south as winter draws nigh. Like the Indians out in the western country could put their ears to the ground and hear the patter of horses' feet telling them of the approaching enemy, through the air just before the storm. Just like the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, which David heard before he went to defeat the Philistines; like that, the Church, the Bride, the mystical Body of Christ, feels an inner urge which tells them that the end is near.

A boy was flying his kite so high that it disappeared from sight. A man asked the boy how he knew the kite was up there. Holding the string in his hand, the boy replied, "I feel the tug of it." There is a tug of the unseen which every member of the true Church of Christ discerns in the Spirit.

The Church began in humility, it will end in glory. It began on a rock, it will end at a feast. It began in a prayer meeting, it will end at a banquet. It began on earth, it will end in the clouds.

ELIJAH AND ENOCH

It will be the darkest hour in the world's history when the Church is taken away. Following the leaving of the Church, the world will pass into the final tribulation period when the most terrible suffering the world has ever known will come to pass. If you remain behind, you will look back to the time when you read these words and you will be struck with terror. Should you not be translated with the Church it will only be a few years until you will see a covenant made between the nations of Central Europe and the Jewish nation that will result in the final restoration of Palestine to the Jews. Following that, the old Roman Empire will be revived, and the Antichrist will arise. By his side there will stand a religious leader who is called the False Prophet. Nature will be ravaged by earthquakes, tidal waves and gigantic upheavals. Jerusalem will again be overthrown by a terrible war.

The members of the Bride of Christ will never see death. We have only three instances of persons leaving this life without dying, Elijah, Enoch and Jesus. Elijah was a faithful college president. He knew that he was soon to be translated. He spent his last hours with some of his students. The flaming chariot swung by, picked him up, his mantle fell on Elisha, and Elijah was not. He is a type of the Church.

Enoch walked with God. He felt the brush of angel wings, and he was not, for God took him. He, too, is a type of the Church.

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RADER IN CHINA AND INDIA

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"Between courses the waiters passed you a towel just wrung out of hot water for face and hands, very refreshing—nice custom—cooling, cleansing. The towels, at last were the finger bowls; the feast was finished, and speeches began.

"I felt Satan's anger from the moment I put my feet on these shores and at once a deep cold with a very sore throat hit me. Each afternoon in Martyrs Hall the Central Chinese Y. M. C. A. Auditorium we held a meeting speaking in English. Fully one third of this crowd were English speaking Chinese. To the first meeting came Samuel Chen assistant to Minister Wu in the department of foreign affairs. He has been in the Christian ministry but has taken this position in the new government. He is related to many of the officials.

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"The last night in Shanghai God gave me a message for reapers in the harvest field and thirty-four Chinese volunteered to go anywhere and be a reaper and a sower.

"For over two weeks I have gone from the pulpit back to bed miserable in my chest, head and throat, but bubbling over with joy in the Spirit and feeling the constant working of the Holy Ghost in my heart and body in answer to all the prayers of God's children and my dear friends everywhere. He floated me over and kept the blessing burning in the meetings. Now I'm all right in body as well. I feel strong again, well and fit for the fray. Though at that, I'm strong when my body is weak. It is wonderful to see that His Spirit is all in all. Gladly would I be sick if the power of Christ could work in no other way. It is surely a great experience to be unfit in body and yet made so fit in spirit by His presence and power.

"Now, Mr. Wang and myself turn north to Mukden. Mr. Jaffray had to return to his work in Wuchow, but will meet us again soon. We will meet Dr. Goforth and his workers and the Chinese of that northern section next in His strength and leading. Oh, its precious to pass the fields of these saintly missionaries and see the blessed harvest. Its joy to help them reap. Write to any of them you know. They don't hear from home enough."

Note: In Mr. Rader's absence, the work of the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle has gone forward in a great way. Audiences that pack the auditorium to Capacity assemble every Sunday. Never has there been greater enthusiasm, more evangelistic zeal, or stronger missionary interest, at the Tabernacle, than at present. Letters numbering into the thousands are received some weeks in response to Mr. Winrod's sermons over the radio. Every department at the Tabernacle is going full speed as these words are written.

DEPASED KING AMANULLAH of Afghanistan has given up Mohammedanism and has become a Roman Catholic Convert.

MacInnis

One year ago, Dr. John M. MacInnis was forced out of the position as Dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, on the erroneous charge of heresy. He returned East, a broken-hearted man, thinking that perhaps he would never go back to California. But, within a year, he has been called by his brethren in the ministry of the Los Angeles Presbytery (which is the largest Presbytery in America), to come back and take up one of the most important pieces of work ever undertaken by any Presbytery in the United States.

The beautiful thing about it is that the

call came about without any suggestion or plan on the part of Dr. MacInnis. His first duty will be a survey of the field of Christian education in the Los Angeles Presbytery, looking forward to important developments along these lines with the passing of the months.

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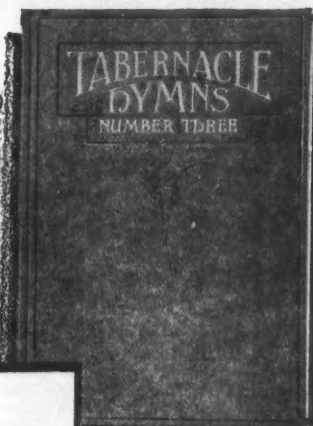
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World Events in the Light of Prophecy

By, Rev. Oswald J. Smith
Toronto, Ontario

Crime

A recent investigation disclosed that forty-five per cent of the inmates of Sing Sing Prison were boys under twenty-five years of age. In one year forty-six per cent of the persons convicted of crime in the courts of record in New York State were between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five. In the Court of General Sessions, the great criminal court of New York City, out of some three thousand offenders investigated, over sixty-two percent were under twenty-five years of age. The President of the United States recently voiced the general belief that in America life and property are relatively more unsafe than in any other country in the world.

What a change from a generation ago! Who could have foreseen the extent of the crime wave that has swept down upon America? Who but God? Yet such was the prophetic forecast some nineteen hundred years ago. "Evil doers shall wax worse and worse. In the last days perilous times shall come."

Simplicity

In these days when the churches are spending so much on schools and hospitals in foreign lands, it is refreshing to read the following description of the Heart of Africa Mission: "Nowhere did we find an elaborate 'plant' or church, or school, or hospital building. There was no official garb, no titles, no 'machinery,' whether clerical or ecclesiastical. It seemed to the writer that even the apostle Paul would not feel out of place at 'headquarters.' For it is but a bamboo house with earth floors pounded hard, and very ordinary things in it. Mr. Studd joked about it when twitted about his 'desk' and furnishings for their lack of 'finish.' The truth is, he has the joy within that makes these things of no concern—though the costliest might be his for the mere asking! Remember, he is no crank in these matters; he is exceedingly human, full of fine fun, keen in repartee. But this attitude of his characterizes this whole mission enterprise—the simplicity that one should expect with and in Christ. And an attitude that one fears is nearly lost in the home lands; we say it with sorrow. How does our Lord feel about it?"

A Dirge of Hope

As a result of the cruel Jewish massacre which has taken place in Palestine, A. Rosenthal, editor of *The Modern View*, has written a most remarkable poem. Yet he is not a Zionist. There are eight verses in all, and every one stirs the deepest emotion of the heart. The poem is entitled "A Dirge of Hope." Here it is:

We mourn for those who, guiltless, fell
In Palestine!
The flood of blood in that mad hell
Was yours and mine!

In Palestine! — There Israel taught
The world its Light!
In Palestine! — There Israel wrought
With Love and Might!

O may this sorrow be the last
Of Israel's lot.
So dark with pangs of ages past
But not forgot!

Our grief is great! — In woe we weep
Fast fall our tears!
Our eyes are dim — our anguish deep —
What say our seers?

They tell us: "Trust!" They bid us "Hope!"
O faith divine!
Through gloomy clouds hearts upward grope
In Palestine!

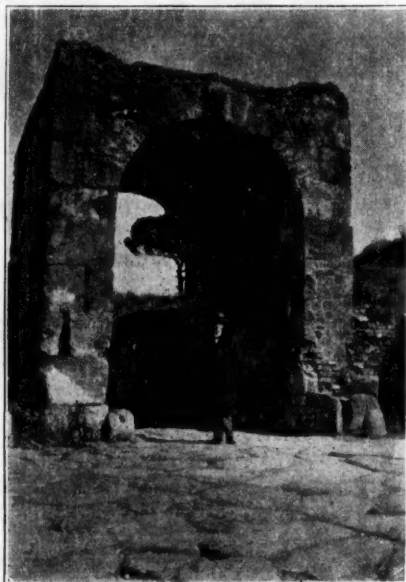
Hope! Strive! Believe! Toll on and Trust!
No more repine
Israel will live! — If God is just —
In Palestine—

The world moves on! The brighter Day
Must dawn and shine
In every land! Its beams will play
On Palestine!

And everywhere! Away Despair!
Life still must run!
Grief we must bear and sadness share—
Till "GOD IS ONE!"

Amazonia

Amazonia is probably one of the darkest, least known, and most neglected mission field of the world. It has been estimated that there are roughly four hundred tribes in Amazonia. Among those four hundred tribes there are nine missions working. All told there are thirty-seven missionaries, inclusive of wives, and the total number of tribes reached is nine. The number of converts is so small that they can be counted on the fingers. Yet these faithful workers are toiling on, conscious of the fact that the power is in the Seed, not in the hand that sows it.



Mr. Smith recently toured the British Isles, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Poland and Latvia. The above picture of Mr. Smith was taken near the ruins of the ancient city Pompeii.

An Infidel's Testimony

"Did I firmly believe, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, religion would be to me everything. I would cast aside earthly enjoyments as dross; earthly cares as follies; and earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Religion should be my first waking thought, and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness. I should labor in its cause alone. I would take thought for the morrow of Eternity alone. I would esteem one soul gained for Heaven worth a life of suffering. Earthly consequences should never stay my hand, nor seal my lips. Earth, its joys and its griefs, would occupy no moment of my thoughts. I would strive to look upon eternity alone, and on the Immortal Souls around me, soon to be everlastingly miserable or everlastingly happy. I would go forth to the world and preach to it in season and out of season, and my text would be 'What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

These words made such a tremendous impression on the great cricketer, Mr. C. T. Studd, that he threw up a legal career to go to the dark places of the earth as a missionary. He says, "They decided me at once to live only and utterly for Christ."

Russia

There is much misunderstanding in Russia about conditions in America. They have an idea that we have on the one hand our Rockefellers, Morgans, and a few other rich men, and on the other side the poor, down-trodden workmen. They have no idea of how the great mass of the American people live, nor of the great humanitarian work sponsored by the very men whom they consider the outrageous oppressors of the working-man, the malefactors of wealth, as Roosevelt used to call them. In Russia there was need and room for improvement. On the one hand were the rich, the land owners, the upper classes, and on the other, the poor, the oppressed, the serfs. A fatal class distinction.

But such a situation has never obtained in America. And for years now there has been plenty of money for all. The very poor, for the most part, are foreigners, Europeans who failed before ever coming to this country. But the working man here earns between a hundred and two hundred and fifty dollars a month and in thousands of cases owns his own home, has a motor car, and can buy what he wants. Whereas in Russia the average amount received is between fifty-five and one hundred and twenty-five dollars monthly. Even skilled engineers and mechanics get no more. Nor does he own a home of his own with several rooms, and a bit of lawn and garden as in this country. And as for a car — it would be out of the question. In Russia the poor were poor, unspeakably poor. Here there are no poor comparatively speaking. There is money and work for all. Conditions in America are better, and the contentment of the people greater than even the ideals for which the Bolsheviks strive. Women are by no means slaves. Education is within the reach of all. While freedom and happiness are ours to an extent that Russia has never yet experienced. Let them produce something better before they ask us to follow their lead.

Acquitted

The Knights of Columbus have lost. Bob Shuler has won. They tried him in the Los Angeles Courts for libel. He had published the alleged Fourth Degree Oath. In the trial it was brought out that he had never said it was a genuine Knights of Columbus Oath, but that it was a true statement of the history of the Roman Catholic Church, and that the days of the Inquisition proved it. The fight was a bitter one. The Knights engaged their leading attorney, Luke E. Hart of St. Louis, who has jailed many a Protestant, but who lost this case completely.

Science

What part will Science play in the next war? The answer is almost too terrible to contemplate. Men have mocked at the language used in describing the coming judgments in Revelation. And yet perhaps after all it is tame in comparison to the reality as prepared by Science. This is what D. M. Panton has to say about it:

Unvangelized science knows no pity. Professor Lewin, toxicologist in Berlin University, points out that already there are twenty-five varieties of poison gas against which all antidotes and preventives are virtually useless; and Herr Nester estimates that it would cost Germany 150,000,000 Pounds to supply her citizens with preventive equipment. The first gas attack at Ypres in 1915 on unprepared troops, Dr. F. R. Humphreys informs the Royal Sanitary Institute (*Times*, Feb. 6, 1929), cost 5,000

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"HALLELUJAH"

By, Rev. Charles Hurlburt

Readers of "The Defender" were asked to pray that doctors, sorely needed, might be sent to the Unevangelized Africa Mission. Every power and influence which Satanic cunning could suggest was arrayed against the answer but He Who said, "Call unto me and I will answer thee" had prompted the prayer. Two doctors volunteered. One through the notice in "The Defender;" the other through a call that came to him years ago. Both are men of rare mental and spiritual equipment. Both with successful professional experience.

More than a dozen other candidates had applied and were waiting for funds to go. No money was in the Mission's treasury to send them. In an almost incredibly short time every need was met for these two. Equipment for medical and surgical work, outfit for themselves and their families, passage money, and in one case volunteered support for an indefinite period. One sailed Saturday, August 17. The other is arranging to go on the earliest available steamer. One will go via the east coast of Africa; the other by way of the west coast.

Meanwhile on the field God has been working. In temporary quarters, without school building and without sufficient teachers, a group of one hundred boys have gathered for school. Out of these, eighty have professed their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord and the cry comes from the missionaries, "Pray that many may be led into effective, fruitful service for their fellow-tribesmen."

Patient, humble faith has been needed in the securing of proper sites for the Mission, but He Who called and promised has not failed those who wait for Him, and stations have been secured for work in the great tribe which was found to be in such great need; for work among the Pigmies which has been a part of the Mission plan from the beginning, and also for work in the French Sudan or neglected French Equatorial Africa. One of the doctors is destined for this latter section.

Will everyone who prayed for these doctors lift his heart to God and reverently say, "Hallelujah!"

Will everyone who prayed before, and a still larger number who rejoice in the privilege of intercession, pray that yet many more laborers may be thrust forth into His harvest field?

It is not strange that God should first send forth these especially equipped and sorely needed doctors. Will He not also send nurses, teachers, translators and every applicant whom He can use, and do it speedily?

(Editor's Note: The address of the Unevangelized Africa Mission is: 536 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, California.)

WORLD EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY

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lives in a few minutes, beside enormous casualties. "If we cannot exercise the war spirit," says Dr. W. Dyson (Nature, Aug. 11, 1928), "we must be prepared for the adoption of still more appalling methods of destruction; for example, the liberation of disease germs: already, for this purpose, the systematic study of the most effective means of spreading pestilential diseases is being pursued in the laboratories of more than one country."

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The blessing of God rested upon the nation-wide distribution of New Testaments in China in such a signal manner that a campaign has now been started for the careful and prayerful circulation of a million copies of the New Testament in the Latin-American lands of Central and South America, Mexico and the West Indies. The plan is not merely the circulation of a million Testaments, but to water the Word with such a great volume of prevailing prayer that a great spiritual awakening will sweep over the Latin-American Republics.



Mix is the name of the young man whose picture appears here. He is the son of a Mexican Indian Chief. Since his conversion he is proud to carry a New Testament given him by the "Million Testaments Campaign."

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A missionary in South America, who is a British Professor of Philosophy, and who gave up all to preach Christ, recently declared that there is scarcely an anti-Christian book published in Europe that is not reprinted at once in Spanish in South America; but he said that in spite of all the difficulties of the work there is a great hunger after higher things in those lands.

The reports of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society contain striking examples of the power of the Word of God to transform and transfigure lives in Latin-America. An experienced missionary felt led to offer a copy of the Scriptures to anyone who was desirous of reading the book; then he made this striking statement: "In every case the person who received the book had been led to Christ."

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